

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A camera tripod for a digital camera comprising:
a camera mount;
tripod memory housed in the camera mount; and
a set of tripod legs that supports the camera mount, the tripod legs being integral to the camera mount.

Claim 2 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 1, wherein the tripod memory provides memory storage for the digital camera in addition to a memory of the digital camera.

Claim 3 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 1, wherein the camera mount comprises an electrical portion that electrically interfaces to the digital camera, the tripod memory being connected to the electrical portion such that the tripod memory is accessible to the digital camera.

Claim 4 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 3, wherein the camera mount further comprises an input/output (I/O) port that electrically interfaces the electrical portion to an external device or system.

Claim 5 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 3, wherein the camera mount further comprises a mechanical portion that mechanically interfaces to the digital camera to fasten the digital camera to the camera tripod.

Claim 6 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 1, wherein when the digital camera is electrically interfaced to the camera mount, data is transferred between a camera memory of the digital camera and the tripod memory.

Claim 7 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 1, further comprising:
a tripod power source housed in one or both of the camera mount and in a leg of the set of tripod legs.

Claim 8 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 7, wherein the tripod power source provides power to the digital camera in addition to a battery-based power source of the digital camera, the tripod power source providing power to the digital camera to extend an operational life of a battery of the digital camera.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The camera tripod of Claim 7, wherein the tripod power source comprises ~~a tripod battery selected from a rechargeable type battery and a non-rechargeable type battery.~~

Claim 10 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 7, wherein the camera mount comprises an electrical portion that electrically interfaces to the digital camera, the tripod power source and the tripod memory being connected to the electrical portion such that the tripod power source and the tripod memory are accessible to the digital camera.

Claim 11 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 10, wherein the tripod power source provides one or both of operational power to the digital camera and energy to recharge a battery of the digital camera when the digital camera is electrically interfaced to the camera mount.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A camera tripod for a digital camera comprising:
a camera mount;
a tripod memory housed in the camera mount;
a set of tripod legs that supports the camera mount, the tripod legs being integral to the camera mount; and
a tripod power source housed in either the camera mount or a leg of the set of tripod legs.

Claim 13 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 12, wherein the camera mount comprises an electrical portion that electrically interfaces to the digital camera, the tripod memory and the tripod power source being connected to the electrical portion such that the tripod memory and the tripod power source are accessible to the digital camera.

Claim 14 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 13, wherein the camera mount further comprises a mechanical portion that mechanically interfaces to the digital camera to fasten the digital camera to the camera tripod.

Claim 15 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 12, wherein the tripod memory provides memory storage to the digital camera in addition to a memory of the digital camera, and wherein the tripod power source provides one or both of operational power to the digital camera in addition to a power source of the digital camera and energy to recharge a battery of the digital camera power source.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The camera tripod of Claim 12, wherein the tripod power source comprises ~~a tripod battery selected from a rechargeable type battery and a non-rechargeable type battery~~, the tripod power source providing power to operate the tripod memory.

Claim 17 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 16, wherein the tripod power source further comprises a power supply circuit that comprises one or more of a battery conditioner, a battery charger and a power conditioner, the power supply circuit facilitating one or more of charging the tripod battery, powering the tripod memory, powering the digital camera and charging a battery of the digital camera.

Claim 18 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 12, further comprising a tripod power port connected one or both to the tripod power source and an electrical portion of the camera mount, the tripod power port optionally comprises an alternating current (AC) adapter that interfaces the tripod power source to an external AC power outlet.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A method of using a camera tripod with a digital camera comprising:
connecting the digital camera to a camera mount of the camera tripod, the camera mount comprising an electrical portion having a tripod memory, wherein connecting comprises interfacing the digital camera to the tripod memory; and
transferring data between a memory of the connected digital camera and the tripod memory of the camera mount,

wherein the camera tripod comprises both of the camera mount and a set of legs integral to and supporting the camera mount.

Claim 20 (Original): The method of Claim 19, wherein the electrical portion of the camera mount further has a tripod battery, connecting further comprises interfacing the digital camera to the tripod battery, the method further comprising one or more of:

transferring energy from the tripod battery the connected digital camera, wherein the transferred energy is used to one or both of charge a battery of the digital camera and provide operational power to the digital camera;

interfacing the camera tripod with an external device, such that data is transferred between the external device and one or both of the memory of the connected digital camera and the tripod memory; and

recharging the tripod battery using one of an external power source and a replacement tripod battery.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A camera tripod for a digital camera comprising:

a camera mount;

means for storing data in the camera mount; and

means for supporting the camera mount comprising a set of tripod legs integral to the camera mount.

Claim 22 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 21, wherein when the digital camera is interfaced to the camera mount, data is transferred between a camera memory of the digital camera and the means for storing.

Claim 23 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 21, further comprising:
means for supplying power housed in one or both of the camera mount and the means for supporting, the means for supplying power energizing one or more of the digital camera and a battery of the digital camera when interfaced to the camera mount and the means for storing.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The camera tripod of Claim 23, wherein the means for supplying power comprises a ~~tripod battery selected from a~~ rechargeable type battery ~~and a non-rechargeable type battery~~.

Claim 25 (Original): The camera tripod of Claim 21, wherein the means for storing data comprises one or both of internal memory and removable memory.